Safe Motherhood Programme

2101. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to implement a new child survival and safe motherhood programme with IDA/UNICEF assistance in a phased manner ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Government has approved a Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme with an outlay of Rs. 853·61 crores during the VIIIth Five Year Plan. The World Bank, through an agreement executed on 20-2-1992 have committed to provide International Development Association (IDA) financial assistance to the tune of Special Drawling Rights (SDR) 160·90 million (Rs. 557·70 crores) and UNICEF, in their Master Plan of Operation (1991-95) have made a provision of US $ 107 million (Rs. 278·20 crores) for this Programme.

The Programme aims at reducing maternal and child mortality by integrating and strengthening the existing Universal Immunization Programme, Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme and the Prophylaxis schemes for control of anaemia in pregnant women and prevention of blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency in children. In addition, the Acute Respiratory Infections Control Programme will be implemented in a phased manner throughout the country as part of the Child Survival initiative to prevent deaths due to Pneumonia.

The Safe Motherhood component of the Programme has been initiated primarily in States with high infant and maternal mortality. The Programme includes intensified training and involvement of Traditional Birth Attendants in anti-natal, natal and post natal care and strengthening of the Sub-centres and First Level Referral Units in terms of equipment and training.

Election of C.C.H.

2102. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Governmen have received any representation/objections against the election of the member of Central Council of Homoeopathy from Delhi ; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken/proposed to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Matter is under examination.

Payment of N.P.A.

2103. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2057 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 1992, and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the demonstrators and Medical Officers working in Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital are not eligible to get non-practising allowance (NPA) ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;